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c. Friendly Forces.

(1) CINCUSAREUR.

(a) Provides special weapons logistic support to COMSOTFE in the conduct of UW, to include the receipt, storage, maintenance, surveillance, security and modification of ADMs and associated equipment earmarked for use by UW forces.

(b) Releases atomic demolition munitions to COMSOTFE as directed by USCINCEUR.

(c) Provides necessary transportation together with nuclear courier team as required for movement of ADMs from storage sites to departure points designated by COMSOTFE.

(2) CINCUSAFE.

(a) Provides special weapons logistic support to COMSOTFE on an emergency basis.

(b) Provides aircraft and special weapons-trained liaison personnel and/or nuclear courier teams as required for movement of ADMs from storage sites to departure points and from departure points conducts tactical air transport missions to operational areas.

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(a) Provides special weapons logistic support to COMSOTFE on an emergency basis.

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12,000 GAS ROCKETS

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The report says military authorities should continue to seek a feasible way of making the rockets harmless, but if this cannot be done, they should be dumped in the sea with "no essentially nil chance of mishap." The rockets are presumably obsolete. But how many thousand up-to-date gas rockets does America possess? In what circumstances would the army use them. The whole affair is a sinister indication of the lengths to which America is prepared to go in a form of warfare which most nations have agreed not to conduct.

Above: A page from the section dealing with nuclear weapons. The next page refers to "employment and relocation of weapons within UW operational area."

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The documents also show what appear to be very detailed plans for the use of nuclear and chemical and biological weapons by US military guerrilla groups. They indicate, too, that similar plans are in existence for the use of these weapons by underground forces inside the countries of the Soviet bloc.

Are they forgeries, circulated for political purposes? Or are they genuine? Are they produced in Eastern Europe as a stick to beat the Americans? If so, they are a very clever piece of work, for they are written in perfect official "American English" with great attention to the kind of layout and detail that is found in army documents. Alternatively could they be fabricated by the CIA for US purposes — perhaps to help produce an atmosphere in which America could begin to move forces out of Europe?

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If, on the other hand, these papers are genuine, the implications are horrifying. According to the documents, permission to use the weapons is automatic when they are handed to the special military or civilian groups. Targets for the nuclear weapons and areas for the use of germ and gas would be selected by the commanders of the groups. This means that the lives of many thousands, perhaps millions, of people would depend on the decisions of a handful of US officers and civilian partisans.

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The plans must have taken a considerable time to prepare, whether they are genuine or not. No date is given, but as a US base at Fontainebleau, a centre at Orleans and a loading base at Evreux (between Paris and Rouen) for planes supporting guerrilla groups, are mentioned, it may be assumed that they were in preparation before NATO organisations and US troops moved out of France.

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The plans deal with the organisation of guerrilla detachments, sabotage, subversion, espionage and what is generally described as "unconventional warfare" (UW). The section referring specifically to nuclear weapons says:

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